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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO NIGERIA: MRS.CARTER'S
SCHEDULE

1. MRS. CARTER'S APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT TO EXAMINE FEASIBILITY OF SCHEDULING MEETING FOR MRS. CARTER WITH SIX-TEN DISTINGUISHED NIGERIAN WOMEN WHO ARE LEADERS IN SUCH FIELDS AS MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION, MEDICAL CARE, ETC. MRS. CARTER HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL WORKING LUNCH IN DELHI AT WHICH EACH INDIAN WOMAN PRESENT MADE A SHORT STATEMENT DESCRIBING HER WORK AND OUTLINING HER OBJECTIVES. MRS. CARTER WAS ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND TO INFORM HERSELF OF THE WORK EACH WOMAN WAS UNDERTAKING. INSTEAD OF LUNCH IN LAGOS, IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO ORGANIZE A COFFEE OR A TEA TO GIVE MRS. CARTER A SIMILAR OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM HERSELF OF THE ACTIVITIES OF A GROUP OF LEADING NIGERIAN WOMEN.
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THE MEDIA MIGHT BE INVITED TO COVER ALL OR SOME OF THE MEETING.

2. MRS. CARTER WOULD NOT WISH SUCH A MEETING TO CONFLICT WITH ANY EVENT IN WHICH SHE MIGHT USEFULLY PARTICTPATE WITH THE PRESIDENT. THUS, SUCH A MEETING MIGHT BE ARRANGED WHEN THE PRESIDENT IS ENGAGED IN BILATERAL

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DISCUSSIONS WITH GENERAL OBASANJO.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON THE UTILITY OF SUCH A SESSION AND IN PARTICULAR THE EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION OF NIGERIAN WOMEN WHO MIGHT BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. PLEASE BE SPECIFIC WITH NAMES AND A BRIEF JUSTIFICATION FOR INCLUDING EACH. FOR THE TIME BEING YOU SHOULD NOT RAISE THIS WITH THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT OR MAKE ANY COMMITMENT.

4. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY REPLY BY C.O.B. MARCH 3.

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